



ALL children deserve the opportunity to grow up in schools and communities that support them in making healthy choices.

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To: School Administrators
From: Montana Behavioral Initiative

If you share the following beliefs:

- ✓ All children should be taught the skills necessary for success: social, emotional, behavioral, and academic.
- ✓ Schools (pre-school through high school) are places where students can learn and practice positive interpersonal, cross-cultural, and citizenship skills.
- ✓ Effective use of a team approach, involving all school staff working together, provides a consistency that enhances student success.

You will want to explore the Montana Behavioral Initiative.

During the last ten years, more than 300 Montana schools have become involved in the Montana Behavioral Initiative—developing the attitudes, skills, and systems necessary to ensure that each student, regardless of ability or disability, leaves public education and enters the community with social and academic competence. Throughout that time period, MBI itself has evolved in order to best meet the needs of Montana's students and its educators. To learn more about the MBI principles please visit the website at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/MBI/index.html>

Professional Development

The MBI Summer Institute, being held June 22-26, 2009, brings nationally known professionals that provide training in the MBI principles. For additional information on the institute visit: www.montana.edu/cs/mbi/

We are currently taking applications for additional schools interested in becoming MBI sites for the 2008-09 school year. Each site must identify a team that is representative of the staff at their site (including an administrator). In addition to the summer institute, there is an opportunity for teams to participate in 4 days of MBI training during the school year. Training during the school year will be held in the five CSPD regions in order to make it accessible for all those interested. Team trainings have been scheduled for the following dates:

September 22-23, 2008
Glendive and Polson
September 29-30, 2008
Great Falls
October 6-7, 2008
Billings and Butte

After team training, each school will identify MBI team facilitators who will receive additional training in Helena on November 17, 2008.

If your school is interested in becoming an MBI site, please complete the Document of Participation and School Site contact information forms and return to the address provided. If you have further questions, contact Susan Bailey-Anderson, MBI Coordinator, at (406) 444-2046, or email at sbanderson@mt.gov.



Document of Participation

We, the MBI Team for _____ School, make a commitment to incorporate the following essential components to the Montana Behavioral Initiative at our school. In so doing, we are making a good faith effort to exemplify the mission, principles, and goals of the Montana Behavioral Initiative, ensuring a positive school environment in which the students of our community can grow and learn.

MBI Key Indicators

1. MBI Training Process
2. MBI Team Process
3. Proactive Support Systems Approach Using Best Practices
4. Evaluation Process
5. Community Process

_____ Site Administrator/Principal (required)	_____ Date	_____ District Level Administrator (required)	_____ Date
_____ MBI Team Member	_____ Date	_____ MBI Team Member	_____ Date
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SCHOOL SITE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School Address: _____

Telephone:

(H) _____ (W) _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

School District/Special Education Cooperative: _____


Signature: _____

- ☐ Principal
- ☐ Superintendent
- ☐ Special Ed. Administrator
- ☐ Other

Please return to:

Susan Bailey-Anderson, MBI Coordinator
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PO Box 202501
Helena, MT 59620-2501
Fax: (406) 444-3924

Please return this form by September 12, 2008

	<p>Linda McCulloch, Superintendent Office of Public Instruction PO Box 202501 Helena, MT 59620-2501 www.opi.mt.gov</p>
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Notification of acceptance to the MBI team training will be sent upon receipt of the information sheet and team commitment form.

Thank you for your interest and commitment. The MBI is making a difference.